

COLORED FOLKS WANTED NOW.

Stirring Appeal to go West—Fertile Soil—Great Opportunities—Equal Rights for All—A Stirring Appeal by One Who is There.

Pearce, Arizona Territory, December 13, 1907.

Dear Editor, Richmond PLANET:

Allow me to inform you of certain facts. I have written to some leading men of our race in regard to millions of acres of government lands in this territory New Mexico and Southern California, and some of them answered very unfavorably and as to Dr. Washington, I got no reply whatever, and I would like to get a reply from you in this matter.

There are two of us who have taken up claims of a 160 acres each and there is enough land in our vicinity for about 3000 families and do hope between you, God and man that you can make up a colony of colored people and send them this way as the whites are talking of settling around us on this land. This is my last letter on this subject and am sorry to say so. I have written to Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama and not a person even came out and looked at the land. I ask you in the name of the Father and the Son to send one or two men as inspectors to look at this and make a report to you of the facts.

We planted a little of everything so we could write the truth. We planted corn, potatoes, onions and all classes of garden stuff and the crop did well. We had to irrigate some and we have to dig wells and water our stuff like the white people do. We did not plant any wheat or tobacco because we started too late as we had to do fencing to keep off cattle and we had gotten here too late in the spring to do much else but fence.

I will tell you as I did Dr. Washington. Garden stuff comes up in two and a half to eight days; corn grows as tall as 15 feet. We ate watermelons in fifty-two days after planting and we have proof for what we say. We planted three crops of radishes, two of lettuce and pumpkins grow as large as a half bushel measure. We gather three hundred pounds of tomatoes from eighteen vines and you can raise all the chickens, turkeys, hogs, sheep, etc. you want.

Now, Mr. Editor, the colored people must scatter out and do for themselves as white people do and help to improve the country. Colored labor is wanted here and very good pay. I could write you a much longer letter, but I have gotten discouraged to see in every colored paper where there are so many colored people packed and jammed in those eastern cities and the bad want let the good ones prosper and they do not seem to want to come west. We want good people, men of families, etc. Bad men have no places here. Sir, I wait for an early answer because as things are drifting here we must not let the grass grow under our feet or many good colored families will be out of what they should have by putting off to-day for tomorrow.

Yours truly,

HATHOWAY PLEASANT.

P. S.—I will further say that I am from Richmond and am under no obligation to mislead any one from that State or any other State. I have relatives in Richmond, the Jaspers and would like to see them be first on these lands if possible. I am sure the entire race would be better off in this territory and New Mexico than they would be in any part of the Southern States. There are not so many whites in this territory and if we could get the larger portion colored, we could run things nicely and be free to vote with out going through the red tape like they have in the South and I ask you again to teach the colored people to come west and take up land and do for themselves, and if they get this chance slip they will not be able to get a foot of land around here within twelve months for less than a hundred dollars an acre and if the grass grows under their feet they will always regret it.

Yours &c,
H. P.

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18, '07.

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Signed—Mary X. Armistead, mark
Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
George W. Davenport.
R. E. Kindred.
D. J. Roberts.

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CALLS HIS FLOCK STINGY.

Pastor Aired of Rockefeller's Church Rebukes His Congregation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Rev. C. F. Aked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, at the morning service yesterday demanded \$7,000 from the congregation to pay off a deficit in the expenses and got it. This was, however, only after he had condemned his flock as close fisted.

Many of the very wealthy members of the church, including John D. Rockefeller and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sat in their pews and heard the demand—it was not an appeal of their pastor. He said:

"While I am grateful to the large givers who have done so much for the church, I'll not be the least shy of larger sums yet to come. We labor under the disadvantages of our advantages. We have the advantage of having persons associated with this church who have large amounts of money, and others say, 'Go to them for money, as it is too much of an effort for us who haven't so much.'"

"It is not fair. It is a mean spirit. It has raised up a crowd of stingy souls who won't support the church."

"It isn't fair to me. You have no right to put a man in charge of the church when you won't support him. It isn't fair to the church."

"I am tired of hearing this church called Mr. Smith's, Mr. Brown's or Mr. Robinson's church."

This was a pointed allusion to the name of "Rockefeller's church," which the edifice commonly bears.

"While I acknowledge your kindness to Mrs. Aked and myself, I ask you to complete it by retiring me from a position I find distasteful. You know that every year there has been a deficit in the current accounts of this church."

"I want \$7,000 from you before you leave this church."

"This is an inheritance from the past. I have had nothing to do with this debt, and I want to get rid of it."

KAISER'S CHRISTMAS.

Unlucky Number of Trees Stand in Palace at Potsdam.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Thirteen Christmas trees stand in the new palace at Potsdam for the members of the imperial family. There are two large trees in the center, with five smaller ones on the one side and six on the other, diminishing in size according to the age of those for whom they are intended.

The two large trees are for the emperor and empress and the others for their six sons and daughter, the wives of Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Eitel and the two children of the crown prince.

Peace at Teheran.

TEHERAN, Dec. 24.—The shah sent to parliament a signed declaration that he will act in accordance with the constitution. The president of the chamber informed the house that the shah had accepted the stipulations made by parliament and would send away Said el Dowleh, the former minister of foreign affairs, and the intriguing priests and would punish the persons responsible for the recent disorders.

Mrs. Longworth Almost Well.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Longworth has so far recovered from the effects of the operation for appendicitis which she underwent on Dec. 11 that she will leave the White House Thursday for her own residence. For several days Mrs. Longworth has been able to go about her room, but as yet she has not been outdoors.

Memphis Savings Bank Fails.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings bank failed to open its doors. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver and E. B. McHenry had been appointed receiver. No statement has been issued.

Miss Maloney Not in Italy.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 24.—Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, whose family declares her to be in a convent retreat near Rome, is instead in Lakewood at the home of her sister, Mrs. Carberry Ritchie, if persons here who know her well are to be believed.

Tom Lawson's New Party.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Thomas W. Lawson, of "frenzied finance" fame, who visited the White House last Tuesday, announces that he is forming a new political party to force a third term on President Roosevelt, with Governor Johnson of Minnesota as his running mate.

Once Worth \$75,000, Dies a Pauper.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—Mrs. M. A. Austin came from Chicago four years ago with \$75,000, which she lost in attempting to establish employment agencies. Five days ago she took carbolic acid and died. Her body was interred in the potter's field.

HIS FORTUNE: "YOU ARE GOING ON A LONG JOURNEY!"



A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

The Last Sleep of Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

[By Lucian B. Watkins.]

We were afraid that you would soon be borne away
Upon the sweet, endearing breathings of your heart!

We were afraid that you would soon forget to stay
And give to life your lofty, soulful missioned part!
Too true! but—ah! the jeweled breaths with which you sang—
That blew in their soft whispers o'er the tender strings
Of human hearts, the sweet acolian sounds that rang
An echo as if blown from heaven's angels' wings—
Still linger in the ethics of our souls!
Then must
We say you're dead? and can we ever for you weep?
Ah, no! amid the sacred halo o'er your dust,
We listen to your echoed-breathing while you sleep.
—From "Voices of Solitude."

\$500 DEATH CLAIM PAID.

Dr. W. F. Graham Preaches in Norfolk.

Wednesday December 19th, Dr. W. F. Graham preached a special sermon for Dr. L. W. C. Metz and his congregation in Norfolk. A large gathering was present and all seemed to have enjoyed the sermon. He preached from the subject "A Regenerate Church Membership the Need of the Hour." Revs. S. B. Saunders, D. D., D. Wilson and Pastor L. W. C. Metz, D. D. joined in hearty co-operation in making the meeting a success.

After the sermon a good collection was taken for the Church and then Mr. Walter D. Steptoe called to the front a lady who was beneficiary of a \$500 policy. Dr. Graham paid the money in cash and everybody left in highest praise of the American Beneficial Insurance Company.

This Company is making a most enviable history and is regarded by the public as one of the best on the market. Notwithstanding the Company is little above five years old their annual collections aggregate more than \$100,000. Such men as President Graham, Secretary B. H. Peyton, Supt. John W. Howard, Inspectors R. W. Anderson and R. H. Fauntleroy know how to push a Company to the front.

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ALEXANDER—CHRISTIAN.

The marriage of Miss Victoria A. Christian to Mr. W. M. Alexander, took place at the home of Mr. W. J. Lewis, 420 Shafer Street. Mr. W. M. Mosby acted as best man, Miss Cora B. Nicholas maid of honor. Rev. Dean performed the marriage ceremony after which a reception was tendered the bridal party and guests.

LOST—Yesterday, a French Poodle, answers to the name of Bounce. Return to 408 W. Grace St. and get liberal reward.

General Prediction, 1908.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 20, 1907.

There is going to be a big scrap and Uncle is going to be in it.

This year, 1908 is ruled by the moon. This indicates a cold, damp wet season. Spring, cold and frosty Summer, showery and late and cold. Fall, damp and chilly, but January, 1909 will be very dry and very windy. Grain crops, small and scarce; hay moderate; potatoes, small and watery; very few turkeys, snappers, hoppers and worms, but caterpillars, lice and rats in abundance. Diseases most prevalent will be fevers, stomach, bowels and liver troubles and great trouble with the eyes.

The year 1908 is the beginning of the three years of trouble. There will be great fires, floods, earthquakes, famines and plagues. In the year 1911 is the great war year, the greatest that will ever have been recorded upon history's pages. I fear Germany and England will be matched against this country of ours (V. S. H.) They have done and will do anything and everything to snub and crush as they can. All professed friendship to the contrary notwithstanding England and Germany are the two bitterest enemies this country has and Japan comes next and are waiting for something to turn up so she can strike. (Japan) Beware they are all false-hearted.

Between 1908 and 1911 there will be a general uprising of the Mohammedans against the Christians. A universal epidemic of fever and rapture diseases. A general uprising of labor against capital and unrest among the people. Planetary position indicates jealousy and double dealing everywhere and a tendency to run and destroy. Much bitterness will be displayed against the money powers and all spiritualistic and occult matters will be under a cloud.

Railroad accidents, mine explosions, suicides and death by drowning will be frequent. Crimes and cruelties against women and children. Scandals and excitement in religious matters. All government and ruling powers will have their hands full from 1908 to 1911.

Although there are many good things to happen this year which I shall be pleased to tell in the monthly readings.

Sincerely yours,
J. LEO PERKINSON,
Box 373, Butler, Pa.

\$100.00 Endowment Paid.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21, 1907.

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Worthy Counselor of the Grand Court of Virginia, I. O. of Calanthe (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars in payment of the death claim of Octavia Randall, who was a member of Lily of the Valley Court, No. 247 of Norfolk, Va.

Signed—Jessie X. Randolph, mark
Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
Martha Matin.
Emma V. Kelley.

BRAINS BLOWN OUT.

Horrible Tragedies in Georgia.

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 25.—Will Waddell, colored, was shot and killed today while in the custody of Deputy Sheriff C. E. Cason, who was bringing him to this city upon a charge of having fired the shot that killed Wallace Dwyall yesterday. Dwyall, after falling, had drawn his revolver and fired into the colored people from among whom the shot that killed him had been fired. Two were killed by his shots.

Waddell was riding in a buggy with the officer. Day had scarcely broken when Cason saw some one in the act of firing from behind the buggy just as he had stopped at Millwood. The next moment the brains of the colored man were splashed upon the officer by the shot. He could not tell who fired it, the slayer vanishing in the darkness.

A LYNCHING IN THE NEW STATE.

Colored Man the Victim.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA., Dec. 25.—Riddled with bullets, the body of James Garden, colored, is dangling from a telegraph pole at Henrietta, Okla., a coal mining town thirty miles southwest of here, as a result of a lynching in the new State. Garden shot and killed A. Bales, a white man, because Bales, who is a well-known liveryman refused to rent a room to him. Garden said Bales was discriminating against him because of his color, and Garden, going across for a pistol, returned and killed Bales.

Garden was lodged in jail, and to-night a mob of 100 men battered down the doors of the jail and secured the Negro and hung him to a nearby pole. They then riddled the body with bullets. All the colored people in Henrietta are terrorized. There is a colored man in the Henrietta jail, who it is feared will be lynched before morning.

—Dr. Q. W. Moon who has been quitted recently has recovered and resumes his practice at 102 Holly Street, Manchester. His phone is 6251.

The body of a colored man was found in the canal at the foot of Ninth Street. He was heard to scream, but when help arrived he had disappeared from view.

Grand Entertainment.

There will be a grand musical entertainment given at the Empire on North Second Street, between Duval and Baker Streets for the benefit of Mason Court. Commencing Monday night, December 30, ending Friday night, January 3, 1908. All friends are invited to attend.

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MARRIED ON DEATHBED.

Millionaire Brewer Expires Twelve Hours After Wedding.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Christian W. Stengel, president of the Felgenspan brewery interests in Newark, N. J., died in the German hospital here, less than twelve hours after he had been married to Mrs. Marie Louise Felgenspan, the widow of the man who once employed him. Mr. Stengel was the confidential assistant of Christian Felgenspan, and shortly before the latter died, it is said, he expressed a wish that his wife marry Mr. Stengel in case he did not live.

Last Thursday Mr. Stengel was operated upon for appendicitis. Complications set in, and another operation was made necessary. Having been informed that Mr. Stengel probably would not survive his illness, the couple decided to carry out the dying wish of the late Mr. Felgenspan. A license was granted, but when the time came for the ceremony to be performed Mr. Stengel was very weak. He grew stronger in a few hours, and in the evening they were married. A few hours later Mr. Stengel lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied. Relatives of both Mr. Stengel and Mrs. Felgenspan were present.

Five Killed in Seine Subway.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Five persons were killed last night by an explosion of compressed air in the uncompleted Metropolitan subway tunnel under the river Seine, near Notre Dame. The accident was caused by a sudden sinking of a caisson fifty feet below the surface of the water, which forced out of position one of the great head shields. The resulting rush of air, suddenly released, hurled five of the workmen against the concrete wall, killing them outright. The men in other sections of the workings became panic stricken, and a mad fight for the ladder to the exit ensued in the darkness, but all got out in safety.

Mauretania Sinks a Barge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The huge turbine Mauretania was torn from her moorings at her pier, foot of West Thirtieth street, during the storm and swung over to the north side of the slip, where she smashed the coal barge Alice P. Rogers like an egg-shell. An hour later the big craft was secured and again tied to her dock without any damage to herself, but everybody in that vicinity was badly scared. That the steamship did not back out into the river was due to the fact that her stern lines held fast, thus enabling her crew to get her under control.

Many Bodies in Boston Catacombs.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—It has just been discovered that the skeletons of a thousand bodies lie hidden in the tombs and catacombs or subbasement of the historic old North church. These bones include those of Major Pitcairn of the British army, who was killed during the Revolution, the first captain of the Constitution, Nicholson, and other heroes of the Revolution.

Would Oust King Charles.

LISBON, Dec. 23.—Portuguese Republicans mean to demand in the new cortes that Premier Franco be impeached and King Charles abdicate.

Two Surprises at Trenton.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Republican assemblymen held a caucus here which resulted in two surprises. The first was the election of Assemblyman William F. Martin of Essex, a Colbyite, or new idea Republican, as chairman of the caucus without opposition. The other was the choosing of Frank B. Jess of Camden as speaker over Professor John E. Prince of Passaic by a vote of 25 to 15.

Accident or Suicide?

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John H. Paley, editor of the Jewish Daily News, was found dead in his home in Brooklyn, asphyxiated by gas which was escaping from an open burner in the parlor. The coroner is trying to determine whether Paley's death was accidental or not. No motive for suicide has been established.

Georgia Bank Goes Under.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—The state banking department will take charge of the Neal Banking company, a state institution, today, according to an announcement. The bank has deposits of over \$2,000,000.

Caught Fire as She Prayed.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—While Miss Elizabeth Hatfield, seventeen years old, knelt at her bedside in prayer her nightdress ignited at a gas stove, and she sustained burns from which she died.

Sparks Wants Troops Retained.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 23.—Governor Sparks of Nevada has asked the resident to let the troops stay at Goldfield until the labor troubles are settled.

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 18, '07.

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, K. of P., N. A., S. A., E. A., and A. (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the death-claim of Alexander Elliott, who was a member of Pride of the East Lodge, No. 23 of Portsmouth, Va.

Signed—Ellen Elliott, Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
John T. Fisher.
W. E. Reid.
Samuel Hodges.

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Signed—Martha Fitchett, Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
George W. Davenport.
R. E. Kindred.

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Signed—Eliza X. Tate, Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
George W. Davenport.
D. J. Roberts.
R. E. Kindred.

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Signed—Nancy McCullough, Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
George W. Davenport.
John Alexander.
D. J. Roberts.

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Danville, Va., Dec. 21, 1907.

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Worthy Counselor of the Grand Court of Virginia, I. O. of Calanthe (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars in payment of the death-claim of Silvia Oliver, who was a member of Queen Esther Court, No. 50 of Danville, Va.

Signed—Henrietta Glenn, Beneficiary.

Witnesses:
Fannie L. Rison.
Amanda H. Lee.
S. J. Holbrook, Deputy.

Saloons to Close.

The number of saloons in this city will be reduced to 150 after February 1st, 1908, although even those who must go out of business will be given until May 1st to wind up their affairs. The city license has been increased to \$500 per year.

George Pierce was shot in the foot Tuesday night by Willie Bland.

Mary Coke who was shot Christmas Eve night died Christmas morning.

Dr. Wilder is Dead.

Dr. Charles E. Wilder, a well-known and popular physician of this city died at his residence, 1107 N. 29th Street, Wednesday at 4 P. M. He had been ill for many weeks. His funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at 2 P. M. at the First Baptist Church.